

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Communication dated December February 2, 2004, wherein the Examiner notes that (i) Applicants, in their previous responsive amendment, failed to list all claims and (ii) that the claims were not presented in ascending manner. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants respectfully note that the text of canceled claims need not be re-presented. However, to facilitate prosecution of the instant application, the text for ALL claims, is presented herein in ascending order.

It is believed that all points raised by the Examiner have been attended to and in light of the above requested amendment, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, she is requested to call the undersigned counsel at the number listed below.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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